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TAGS: SENV, UNEP

SUBJECT: EXDIR STRONG COMMENTS ON HIGH-LEVEL PERSONNEL

SHIFTS AND OTHER UNEP MATTERS

1. CANADIAN HICOM OLIVIER TOLD ME JAN 7 OF A RECENT CONVERSATION HE HAD WITH UNEP EXDIR STRONG IN WHICH STRONG SAID HE EXPECTS ENTIRE TOP-LEVEL OF UNEP SECRETARIAT, INCLUDING NOT ONLY HIMSELF BUT ALSO DEPUTY EXDIR TOLBA, ASST. EXDIR FROSCH AND FUND DIRECTOR BERTHOUD, TO LEAVE UNEP THIS YEAR. PENDING SHIFTS HAVE CREATED SERIOUS MORALE PROBLEM WITHIN UNEP, WITH RESULT THAT OTHER RESIGNATIONS AT DIVISION DIRECTOR LEVEL AND BELOW ARE ALSO PROBABLE SOON.

2. STRONG TOLD OLIVIER THAT WALDHEIM'S INITIATIVE IN NOMINATING

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PEREZ DE CUELLAR AS HIS SUCCESSOR, FACT THAT PERUVIAN NOW

HAS SUPPORT OF AFRO-ASIAN GROUP FOR JOB, PLUS UNCERTAINTY
ABOUT STATUS WORLD FOOD COUNCIL HEAD AND WFC'S RELATIONS
WITH FAO, HAVE PLACED HIM IN SUCH A DIFFICULT POSITION

THAT HE NOW PLANS TO LEAVE UNEP SOMETIME AFTER GC-III.
STRONG LEFT IMPRESSION THAT HE HAS ABOUT WRITTEN OFF WFC
AS A POSSIBILITY, BUT MIGHT ACCEPT POSITION IF DRAFTED
AND GIVEN SATISFACTORY TERMS OF REFERENCE. IF HE TOOK
THE WFC JOB, HE MIGHT ALSO CONTINUE WITH UNEP LONG ENOUGH
TO ENSURE CONTINUITY AT TOP.

3. STRONG ALSO MENTIONED PROPOSED ESTABLISHMENT OF
\$10 BILLION INVESTMENT TRUST FOR RECYCLING PETRODOLLARS
AND INDICATED HE ACTIVELY INTERESTED IN POSSIBILITY HE
MIGHT HEAD TRUST. HE TOLD OLIVIER THAT WHATEVER HAPPENS,
HE WILL HAVE TO MAKE DECISION ABOUT HIS FUTURE QTE
VERY SOON UNQTE.

4. ON SUBJECT IHHSF, STRONG SAID KENYANS ARE MAKING STRONG
PITCH TO HAVE FOUNDATION LOCATED IN NAIROBI. STRONG BE-
LIEVES THIS WOULD BE A MISTAKE AND PLANS TO ARGUE AGAINST
IT OPENLY AT GC-III ON GROUNDS THAT IHHSF SHOULD BE IN
GENEVA WHERE IT CAN COORDINATE ITS ACTIVITIES MORE
EFFICIENTLY WITH OTHER UN AGENCIES.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: I AM HAVING STRONG TO LUNCH
MONDAY FEB 10 AND WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S GUIDANCE
ON ANY POSITIONS OR QUESTION IT MAY WANT ME TO RAISE
WITH HIM.
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